town. Christ Church has been enlarged by the addition of transepts, and a semicircular chancel, so as to accommodate 400 additional sittings on the ground and gallery floors. The style of the church is Norman, also adopted in the alterations. The chancel, internally, is vaulted in plaster. The church dedicated to St. Mary is also being enlarged by the addition of transepts, with a square chancel and a vestry attached, so as to accommodate 400 additional persons upon the ground-floor. The style of the original structure and of the additions is also of Norman character. The transepts are flanked at the corners with large square pinnacles. The alterations in both these churches are under the superintendence of Mr. E. H. Shellard, of Manchester, architect.

*Weeton.*—The *Leeds Intelligencer* notices the consecration of St. Barnabas's Church, Weeton, parish of Harewood, on Tuesday week. It has been founded and endowed by the Earl of Harewood, and stands on an elevated site with a parsonage adjoining. The church is in the early English style, from a design by Mr. George G. Scott, of London. It consists of a chancel with lean-to north aisle and sacristy, central tower, and nave. There are transepts to the north and south of the central tower, but they are roofed so as to leave these open into the tower with double arches, the central column being quatre-foil in plan. The tower is supported by massive arches opening into both chancel and nave. The dais for the altar and the reredos are covered with Minton's encaustic tiles. The floor of the chancel is also paved with encaustic tiles. The roof of chancel is boarded and ribbed, and the whole is decorated with gold stars on a blue ground. The tower and spire spring from the junction of the nave and chancel. The *Intelligencer* thinks the lean-to aisles to the tower are not successful, though they may be a great convenience and add materially to the appearance of the interior, and asks why not have made a good gabled transept? The contractors were Messrs. Hall and Brown, of Leeds, and the carving of the exterior and interior were executed by Mr. J. H. Smith, of Camden-town. The wood carving is by Rattee, of Cambridge. The whole of the operations have been carried on under the superintendence and instructions of Mr. Parsons, the estate architect to the Earl of Harewood.

*Northwood.*—On 12th inst. the first stone of a new church at Northwood, parish of Ruislip, Middlesex, was laid by Lady Robert Grosvenor. The site for church and parsonage, with a contribution towards the building fund, has been given by Lord Grosvenor, M.P. who will also endow the church. The edifice will consist of a nave and chancel, with tower and sacristy, and will be 80 feet in length and 25 in width. It is of flint, with stone dressings, and is being erected from designs by Mr. Teulon, architect.

*Eton.*—The chief stone of a new chapel of ease was laid on 21st inst. at Eton, by the Prince Consort. The architect is Mr. Perrey, and the style is Early Decorated. The cost will be about 9,000*l.* of which 6,000*l.* will be required for completing the body of the church, chancel, aisles, &c. Liberal contributions have been given by the local authorities and others, her Majesty and Prince Albert inclusive, and an appeal is now made to old Etonians to assist in filling up the subscription list, so as to render the new chapel worthy of Eton.——The college at Eton having been lighted with the new "vegetable gas," so as to afford a fair trial of its capabilities, the college authorities have united with others in the formation of a new company to light the town with the same gas, which Sir John Herschell regards as the practical solution of the problem of gas lighting on a small scale for country villages, large establishments, or even residences of any extent. He states that he was much struck with the simplicity of the apparatus and manufacture; but he takes for granted the statistics of the patentee, Mr. Booth, as to quantities, &c. As to the present gas company at Eton, the *Express* says:—"It is only fair to state that the new company has not been called for by any want of liberality in the management of the Windsor gas works. The supply of gas has been above the average in point of quality, and the price has been gradually reduced to 7*s.* per 1,000, with the prospect of a further reduction to 6*s.* per 1,000. But the right of the inhabitants of Eton to have gas works of their own, and to adopt the latest discoveries, will not be denied. The erection of the works will be commenced almost immediately."

*Oxford.*—At the late sessions for the county Lord Abingdon moved that the court consider as to the building of a room in extension of the south-west end of the County Hall, to be used for committee meetings of the magistrates. His lordship presented a plan of the proposed alteration. The estimated cost would be between 800*l.* and 900*l.* The subject was referred to the visiting justices.

*Cambridge.*—At the Cambridgeshire Sessions, the Rev. Mr. Fendall, on the part of the visitors of the County Lunatic Asylum, gave an account of what the committee had done in reference to the proposed new asylum. The court had agreed to expend 30,000*l.*: an eminent builder in London had agreed to erect one for 27,000*l.*: the committee obtained various tenders, ranging from 33,750*l.* to 55,760*l.*: the first mentioned was Mr. Myers's, but his was nearly 7,000*l.* above what he had first estimated the cost. They came to the conclusion that all the tenders being above the sum that they were authorised to give, they should accept no tender at all, and that they would refer the matter to the Sessions in order to get the court to give, if they thought proper, authority for further outlay. Their architect thought it was important that some decision should be come to on the point, and a letter was laid before the committee showing that Mr. Myers's increased estimate arose from an increase in the price of all the materials, and in the price of labour. They had a meeting, at which Mr. Kendall, their consulting architect, was present; and they then found that, taking the engineering expenses into account—which would be from 2,000*l.* to 3,000*l.*—they could not get the work done under 36,000*l.* and they therefore resolved to defer it. One special item was bricks, which it was thought might be very considerably reduced below their present price; and one of the committee said that the price of timber would probably fall again, for it had lately risen. Mr. Hicks said, "You say Mr. Kendall is our 'consulting architect:' he is not; he is only our provisional architect. He was appointed architect subject to the condition of his plan being carried out for the money mentioned, but as he could not carry out the plan for that money (27,000*l.*) he is not our architect at all." The Rev. Mr. Fendall stated, that before that plan was sent for, Mr. Kendall was unconditionally accepted. After some discussion, it was resolved that the decision of the visitors be approved of.

*Dorchester.*—Mr. Rawlinson has just made his report to the General Board of Health on the state of the churchyards of Dorchester. He recommends that a scheme be framed for parochial interment for the whole municipal borough of Dorchester, and that the same be introduced into Parliament by and with the sanction of the Central Board of Health.

*Ilminster.*—On 15th inst. a new church at Cricket Malherbie, was consecrated. It is in the decorated style, from designs by Mr. M. Allen, and executed by Mr. Munden, of Ilminster, and Mr. Joseph Steple, of Stoke-sub-Hamdon. The cost is defrayed by Mrs. Pit, in memory of her late husband, Mr. Stephen Pit.

*Timsbury, near Bath.*—A new chancel, with north and south transepts, has been built here, and was consecrated on the 13th inst. by the Right Rev. G. T. Spencer, D.D. late Lord Bishop of Madras. The new building is in the Perpendicular style of Gothic architecture, from a design by Mr. Scott. It is built with local stone, with Bath stone dressings. The roofs are of open framed English oak, and covered with Delabole ragslates, each gable being surmounted with a stone cross. The chancel is separated from the transepts by screens of white lias stone, worked with open tracery and foliage. The windows in the transepts are filled with Powell's figured quarries. The chancel window (at present) with plain cathedral quarries. All the floors are paved with Minton's encaustic tiles. The whole of the fittings are of Riga oak. The north transept is appropriated for the organ and school children. The south transept fitted up with open benches for adults. The seats in the chancel, the altar rail, the bishop's chair, &c. have carved foliage of various designs. A new pulpit of white stone, like that of the screens, has been fixed at the north-east corner of the nave of the church, abutting the pillar of the new chancel arch, springing from the wall on corbels of vine leaves with tracery panels, with carved pateræ. The whole of the works have been carried out by Mr. William Brown, builder, of Frome. The improvement has been effected, we understand, through the exertions of the Rev. Richard Hill, rector of the parish.

*Chester.*—The first brick in the re-erection of St. John's Hospital almshouses was laid on 12th inst. Mr. J. Morris is the architect. The first brick was laid by "Edward Tatler, first boy in the Blue Coat Hospital."

*Birmingham.*—The Birmingham and Birmingham and Staffordshire gas-light companies have given notice of a reduction in the prices of gas, commencing October, 1852, which will range, according to the quantity consumed, from 4*s.* to 3*s.* per thousand feet, subject to a discount of 5 per cent. for prompt payment in cash.

*Great Rollright.*—The church of this place was reopened on Tuesday in last week. The building has been restored, under the superintendence of Mr. G. Street, architect, and paved throughout with encaustic tiles. The seats are all low and open.

*Sheffield.*—Although the old company here, in order to destroy the new while yet in its infancy, lately announced that they would reduce the price of their gas to 3*s.* *in March next*, they have refused to undertake that the price shall not exceed 3*s.* 6*d.* on condition that the new company be amalgamated with it. Meantime they are attempting by a new ruse to strangle the new company, namely, by raising actions at law against the individual workmen of the latter for destroying the highway, although the road trustees, who are responsible, and keep it in repair, make no objection to the laying of the new company's pipes.

*Blackburn.*—The chief stone of the Townhall was to be laid on 29th inst. by Mr. Joseph Fielden.

*Barnsley.*—The new Corn Exchange here was opened on Wednesday in last week. The building is situated at the top of Market-hill. It is a plain building of ashlar stone, with a triangular pediment, at the centre of which it is intended to place a clock with an illuminated dial. The front is approached by several steps, and the lower room is appropriated as a market-house. There are also several shops underneath. A flight of oak stairs leads to the Corn Exchange, lighted when occasion requires, with four gas chandeliers. The building has been erected under the superintendence of Mr. Whitworth, architect. The mason's work was done by Mr. William Robinson; Messrs. Harrison were the joiners; Messrs. Hall and Jenkinson the plasterers; Mr. Rogers the painter and decorator; and Mr. Wood the slater.

*Doncaster.*—The remaining Tudor window in the south chancel of the parish church is to be filled in the course of the present year with stained glass, the cost of which, including the restoration of the stone-work, will be defrayed by Mrs. Saunders, a lady resident in Doncaster. This will complete the design made some time since by Mr. Wailes, for the three Tudor windows in this part of the church. Mrs. Saunders, according to the local *Gazette*, has entrusted Messrs. Lister and Son, builders, with the completion and restoration of the stone-work.

*Alston.*—The price of gas to consumers in this town is shortly to be reduced from 11*s.* to 8*s.* per 1,000 cubic feet.

*Egremont.*—A meeting has been held with the view to form a company for the establishment of gas-works in this town. An offer was

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